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[1](#)1. (SBU) Poloff delivered reftel points August 13 to Banza Ngoy Katumbwe, Head of the MFA's International Organizations Directorate. Ngoy expressed understanding and appreciation for our promotion of the UNESCO Director-General candidates from Austria, Bulgaria, Ecuador, Lithuania, and Tanzania. He said that the GDRC has been approached by Egypt, Algeria, Russia, and Tanzania, asking the GDRC to support their candidates.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Although it is likely that the DRC will follow the AU in its support of the Egyptian candidate, Ngoy said he would ask Foreign Minister Thambwe to consider DRC support for the strong candidates from Ecuador and Tanzania instead. He noted that perhaps the DRC and USG have a common interest in voting for the Tanzanian candidate. Ngoy promised to inform us once the GDRC has decided on a final candidate.

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